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Richard A. NAZARIAN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2635  
Application No.: 09/030,989 ) Examiner: B. Zimmerman  
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For: ADAPTER POD FOR USE IN )  
MEDICAL PERFUSION SYSTEM )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add claims 23-38 as follows:

23. An adaptor pod for use in a medical perfusion system, wherein the medical perfusion system has a plurality of perfusion devices, including at least one blood pump, and a communication network that links each of the plurality of perfusion devices, the adaptor pod comprising:

a first connector for use in coupling the adaptor pod, through a data bus, to any one of a number of available connection points within the communication network;

a second connector for use in coupling the adaptor pod to the blood pump via a data line; and

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